Some of the senior officers have acquired a good knowledge of bacteriology as a result of their long experience in the Institute.

"(*d*) & (*e*) One Assistant Director and one Assistant Surgeon possess the qualification of L.O. and two Assistant Surgeons hold the qualification of D.G.O."

Scheme for roads and bridges in North Malabar.

* 499 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government prepared an elaborate scheme for roads and bridges in the remote recesses of North Malabar in 1948–49 and if so, why it was not fully implemented?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"Yes; but the scheme could not be fully implemented due to financial stringency."

Relief to the agriculturists in Musiri taluk

* 500 *Q.*—SRI S. P. THANGAVELU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received my representation, dated 14th September 1952, praying for immediate relief to the agriculturists of the villages in Musiri taluk, from their serfdom to landlords; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"A representation from the hon. Member was received in August 1952 requesting that the agriculturists of villages in Musiri taluk may be relieved of the system of slavery known as 'Aminjimurai' prevailing in the area. Government have obtained a report from the Collector and the Board of Revenue and it is being examined."

Representations from the Andhra Provincial Agricultural Labour Association.

* 501 *Q.*—SRI SAKA VENKATA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Andhra Provincial Agricultural Labour Association has submitted a memorandum regarding the Agricultural Minimum Wages Act, in the month of February 1953; and if so, what action has been taken on the same?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"The Association submitted a memorandum to the Commissioner of Labour, Madras, with reference to a preliminary notification issued by Government regarding fixation of minimum wages for agriculture. The suggestions contained in the Memorandum are being considered by the Commissioner."